1851. [Transferred to 10th December, 1992.]

Quota of Wheat and Rice to U.P. and Bihar

1852. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to increase the quota of wheat and rice to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details of the present quota, quantities of increase and special quota, if any, that had already been provided to the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(c) whether the increased quota of rice and wheat demanded by Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Governments is likely to be provided; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (d) The Government allocate foodgrains (wheat and rice) on month to month basis to States/Union Territories on the basis of the availability of stocks, relative needs of the various States/Union Territories, market availability and other related factors. The allocation is supplemental in nature and not meant for meeting the entire requirement. The allocation of foodgrains to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the year 1992 is as follows :—

(In '000 Tonnes)

	Rice	Wheat	Total
Uttar Pradesh . . .	414.81	713.81	1128.62
Bihar	247.06	617.36	864.42

This includes 30,000 tonnes of wheat allocated to Bihar as drought relief and 5,000 tonnes each of wheat and rice allocated to Uttar Pradesh for flood relief. There is no fixed quota for allocation of foodgrains for any State including Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It depends on the various factors as mentioned above.

Implement of Bhargava Formulae on Levy Sugar

1853. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bhargava Formulae was evolved to give share of excess realisation from free sale sugar to the cane growers;

(b) if so, the ratio of levy sugar to free sale sugar when this formula was fixed;

(c) the ratio of levy sugar to free sale sugar at present;

(d) whether Government propose to change the formula giving more share to the canen growers;

(e) if so, by when this measure is likely to be implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Under the provisions of Clause 5A of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, additional cane price, in addition to the minimum cane price fixed under this Order, is payable to the grower in accordance with the formula (popularly known as Bhargava Formula) given in the Second Schedule of the Order. Government of India announces the zone-wise figures of unit cost of sugar production for each sugar year. Surplus representting the difference between the actual sales value of the total sugar produced during the sugar year and the value of the sugar produced calculated on the basis of unit cost of production is to be divided equally between the sugar factories and the sugarcane growers.

(b) The ratio of levy sugar to freesale sugar during 1974-75 season, when this formula was implemented, was 65 : 35.

(c) The present levy to freesale ratio is 45 : 55.

(d) to (f) No such proposal for change in formula is under the consideration of Government at present.

Adoption of Economy Measures

1854. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what economy measures are being taken to reduce the expenditure in the Ministry of Food; and

(b) the amount saved if any during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 by adopting these measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) As a result of various economy measures adopted on the use of telephones, staff cars, printed materials, travels and tours etc., and also due to close monitoring of expenditure, a sum of about Rs. 25.00 lakhs and Rs. 51.00 lakhs has been saved during 1990-91 and 1991-92 respectively against the budgetary provisions.

Production of Wheat in Haryana

1855. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the share of Haryana in the total production of wheat in the country for the last three years to till date during the current year; and

(b) the percentage of increase in production in the current year as compared to last year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The share of Haryana in the total production of wheat in the country during the last three years, i.e. 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 was 11.86%, 11.68% and 11.80% respectively.

(b) The increase in production of wheat in Haryana during 1991-92 as compared to last year is 1%.

Sugar-Based Alcohol Industry

1856. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY ;
SHRI P. UPENDRA :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA ;
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sugar Industry is permitted to produce paper and alcohol as the by-products of the Industry to bring down the cost of the sugar;

(b) whether Sugar-based alcohol industry is being modelled on the line of the Brazil's sugar-based alcohol industry to produce fuel and save foreign exchange;

(c) what is the average cost of production of sugar per tonne in our country; and

(d) what is the likely benefit by way of production of by-products of per one tonne sugar production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Paper units using minimum 75% pulp derived from bagasse, agricultural residues and other non-conventional raw materials and industrial alcohol industry have been exempted from the provisions of compulsory licensing. It is open to the sugar industry, like others, to set up such units subect to the prescribed locational restrictions.

(b) Ministry of Food is not aware of any proposal regarding modelling of sugar-based alcohol industry on the lines of Brazil's sugar-based alcohol industry to produce fuel.

(c) The average cost of production of sugar per tonne based on the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for the season 1991-92 was Rs. 5798.80.

(d) The benefit on account of production of by-products per tonne of sugar production varies from factory to factory